The DERC in accordance with the section 42(5) of Indian Electricity Act, 2003, had directed the Discoms to constitute their respective Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum which have been duly constituted and are functioning since August, 2004. The Commission has also appointed the Electricity Ombudsman.

Electricity Generation from Tehri Hydro-Electricity Project

†1427. SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that target to commence the generation of electricity and to supply it to Northern Grid from Tehri Dam Hydro-Electricity Project was the end of June, 2006 in first phase;

(b) if so, the progress made therein; and

(c) the target set for generation of electricity in the first, second and third phases under this project and the time schedule fixed to achieve the same completely under this project and the assessment of success likely to be achieved therein?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The water level in the reservoir reached Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL) i.e. EL 740 M on 15.5.2005 and the wet commissioning tests were started. The Unit-IV of the project was synchronized with Northern Grid on 17.7.2006 and commissioned on 30.7.2006.

(c) The 2400 MW Tehri Hydro Power Complex comprises of Tehri Dam and HPP Stage-I (1000 MW), Tehri Pumped Storage Plant (PSP) Stage-II (1000 MW) and Koteshwar Dam and HPP (400 MW). The targets for power generation in the first, second stage and Koteshwar Dam and HPP (400 MW) are as detailed below:

Stage-I (Tehri Dam & HPP-1000 MW): The power generation from the Unit-IV (250 MW) of the Tehri Stage-I has already commenced on 17.7.2006. The target of energy generation for year 2006-07 is 1161 MU.

Stage-II (Koteshwar Dam & HPP-400 MW): The works of Koteshwar HPP are in progress. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by March, 2008.

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Stage-III (Tehri Pumped Storage Plant-1000 MW): The essential works of Tehri PSP (Head Race Tunnels, intakes, Transformer hall etc.) have already been completed along with the execution of Tehri Stage-I works. As per the investment approval accorded by the Government on 18.7.2006, this project is scheduled to be commissioned in the year 2010-11.

Use of power connections for domestic use by farmers

1428. SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue instruction to Government of Uttar Pradesh to allow small farmers residing within a radius of 5-10 mts. and having holding upto five-six acres to utilize their power connection for domestic use;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. Distribution of electricity is a licensed activity which is regulated by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reconstitution of State Electricity Boards

†1429. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have fixed any time schedule for the reconstitution of State Electricity Boards;

(b) the number of States where State Electricity Boards have so far been reconstituted; and

(c) what is Government's policy for those States which have not constituted State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Before enactment of the Electricity Act, 2003, various States had enacted State Electricity Reforms Acts which provided for reorganization of their State Electricity Boards (SEB).

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